

Ok, we're almost done here. Just some final touches and we're done.

If you remember way back in the beginning, we made a black and white **Gradient Map**. We're going to do that again now to darken up the sides and add more focus to the light source and the render. Make sure your colors are set to default black/white. (Press D). Now, I've been telling you the long way to do some things so I'm going to show you a shortcut. On the bottom of all of your layers, click this:



That's a shortcut to all of the **Adjustment Layers**. Click that and choose **Gradient Map**. Click OK and set that layer to **Multiply**. Now take out the **Brush Tool** and in black, brush around the light source and around the render. Also, you want to brush on anything that looks too dark. Try and keep some of the edges dark though. I have something like this:



Now we are going to add a **Brightness/Contrast Adjustment Layer**. Press the same button that we pressed for the Gradient Map, but select **Brightness/Contrast**. Put the Brightness to +5 and the Contrast to +10.

Now let's add a **Photo Filter**. Click on the same Adjustment button again, but this time select **Photo Filter**. Click on different ones to see what they look like. I chose Violet for mine. Now I have:



OK, now create a new layer on top.



Now go to **Image>Apply Image** (4th down). That puts a copy of what you have so far on top of everything. Now go to **Filter>Sharpen>Sharpen**. Some things will seem a little too sharp, so you can take out the **Eraser** on a low opacity (30-40%) and erase the parts that are too sharp. If the whole thing looks too sharp altogether, lower the opacity of the whole layer.

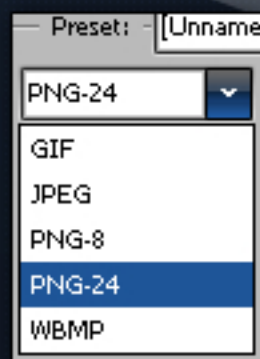
Now create a new layer, and apply another image. But this time, go to **Filter>Blur>Gaussian Blur**. Set the radius to something between 2-4 and click Ok. Now set that layer to **Lighten** and set the opacity to 30-40%. Now we have this:



Now for a border. Create a new layer. Take out your **Magic Wand Tool (Shift-W)**. Click anywhere on your document, that should select the whole outside of it. Now go to **Edit>Stroke (S)**. Set the width to 2px. Choose a fairly neutral color from your document (click on the box next to color and use the dropper to select a color). Make sure the stroke **Location** is set to **Center**. Click ok and press **Ctrl-D** to deselect. Now we have this:



That's it! We are done. Now we just need to Save it and upload it. Go to **File>Save for Web**.



You can either save it as a **JPEG** or as a **PNG**. We are going to save it as a PNG right now. After selecting **PNG-24** from the drop down menu shown, click save.

Now to upload it. The two sites I use for uploading are [www.imageshack.us](http://www.imageshack.us) and [www.photobucket.com](http://www.photobucket.com). Go to one of them (I think photobucket requires registration) and upload your image. Once it uploads, they will give a few different 'codes.' If they give you the direct link and you want to use it on a forum, then all you have to do is put IMG tags around it. [IMG]http://example.jpg[/IMG] They will usually also give you an HTML tag that you can use to embed it on websites.

Thank's for reading! I hope it was easy to read and I hope you learned something from it.